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On September 7, 2004

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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 015258-053900US

Client Ref. No.: P.7057

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Martin Keller, et al.

Application No.: 09/960,530

Filed: September 21, 2001

For: METHOD FOR OPERATING A
FUEL CELL BATTERY

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8279

Examiner: Crepeau, Jonathan

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1746

AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request a two-month extension of time from July 5, 2004 to September 7, 2004 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.